The Continuous Improvement Plan is Done... **NNhdt?**



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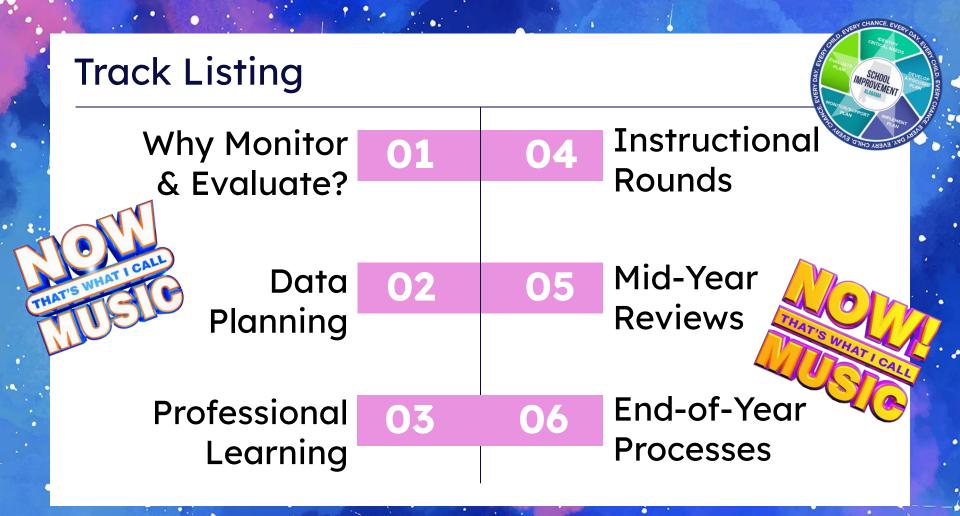
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Why Monitor & Evaluate?

Sustaining Improvement Efforts Throughout the Year



Tell Me Why!



Why is it important to Monitor & Evaluate?

- Visualize and Articulate Success
 - Simplified by using monitoring and evaluation processes
- Defining success criteria can be complicated
 - Clearly and Thoroughly defined
- Goals, objectives, initiatives, activities, and measures must be assessed
 - Creates a results-based improvement culture
- Challenging to prioritize data when
 - success criteria are not defined
 - monitoring mechanisms are not in place
 - evaluation does not occur.

Benefits of Monitoring & Evaluating

- Evidence-based, Measurable Outcomes.
- Accountability and Responsibility of Team Members
- Details how the plan worked
- Highlights how resources were utilized
- Helps determine whether objectives, initiatives, and activities should continue

DATA PLANNING

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How We Utilize Data Requires Intentional Planning



All this talk of data drives me CRAZY!



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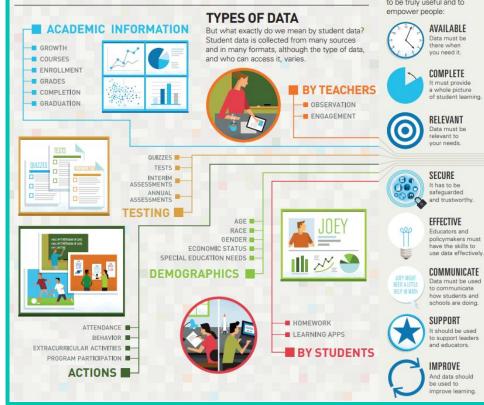
Guiding Questions

- 1. What are your current practices related to data and analysis?
- 2. Do you have regularly scheduled data meetings? If so, how often?
- 3. How proficient is your school staff at reading and interpreting data?
- 4. Who is responsible for guiding staff conversations regarding data when those conversations occur?
- 5. What sort of professional learning have you offered your staff to increase data literacy?



What is student data?

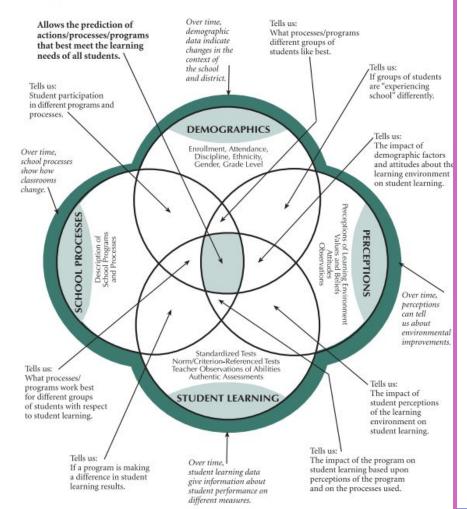
There are many types of data that support student learning—and they're so much more than test scores. But individual data points don't give the full picture needed to support the incredibly important education goals of parents, students, educators, and policymakers. See the types of data that can come together—under requirements like privacy and security—to form a full picture of student learning. When used effectively, data empowers everyone.



REQUIREMENTS

To get that full, clear picture, important requirements must be met for information to be truly useful and to empower people:

Multiple measures of data





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Student Learning

Interim Assessments Student Work Samples Classroom Assessments (Type and Frequency)

Perception Data

Teaching and Learning Surveys Perception Survey Data (e.g., parents, students, teachers, community, school leaders) Self-Assessment Tools

Data Sources



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Local Demographics

School Location and Size Student Characteristics Poverty, IEPs migrant, race, ethnicity, mobility Staff Characteristics (Experience, Attendance, Turnover) Feeder pattern

School Processes

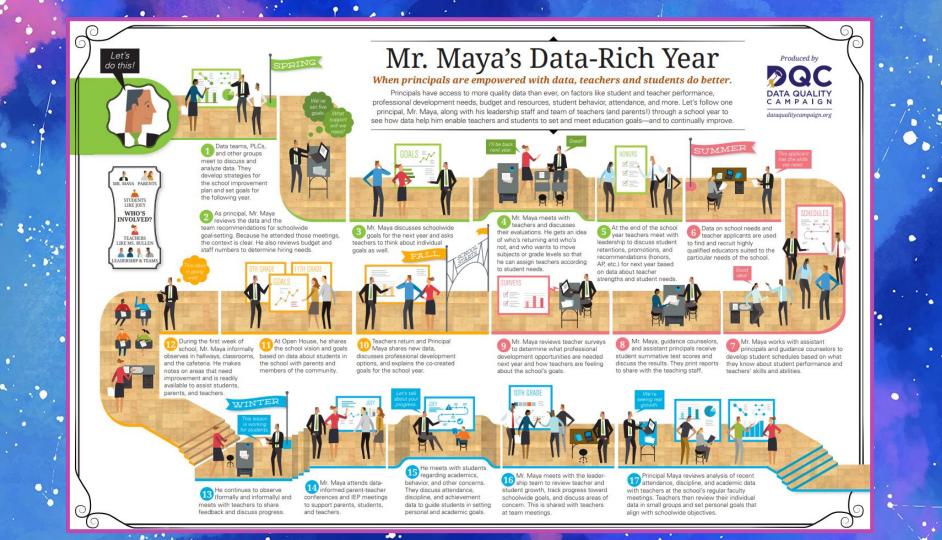
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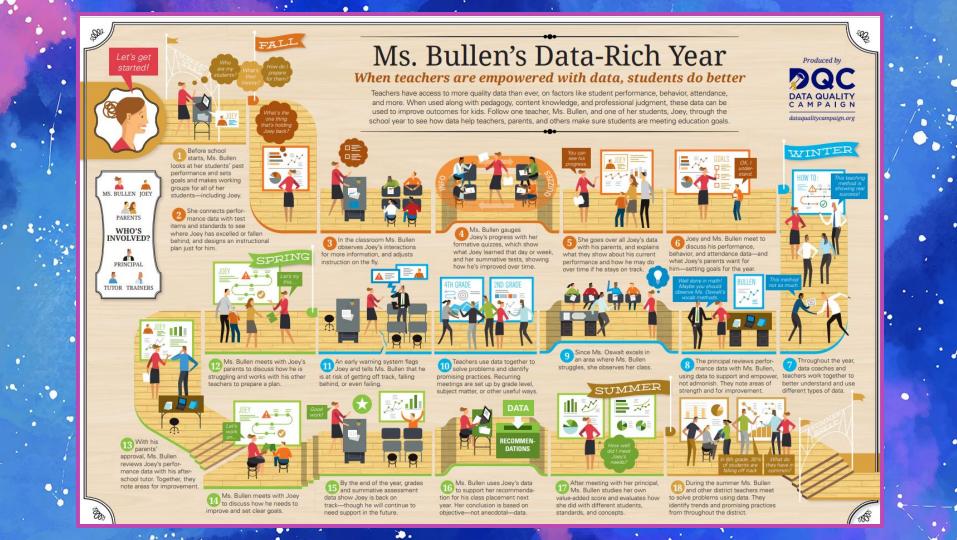
Curriculum and Instructional Materials Services and/or Programs (Title, Special Ed) Interventions Family/Community Involvement Evaluations of School Discipline Referrals and Suspension Rates

Data Conversations Are Ongoing

Beyond the initial forms of data we use to create our CIPs, we must develop a school culture that relies on data throughout the course of the school year.

Just as teachers depend on data to make real-time adjustments to instruction, schools and school leaders must also lean into data to make timely decisions regarding improvement efforts.







Data analysis protocol (informal)

What is being measured in these data?

Who is represented in the data pool?

What jumps out in the data on first glance?

Surprises ______

What conclusions can we draw at this point?

What other data have we looked at recently that have suggested similar findings?

What other data might we consider to confirm or disprove these conclusions?

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	How did various populations of students perform? (Consider factors such as g socioeconomic status.)	jender, race, and
What is being measured in each assessment?		
	What are other data telling us about student performance?	
Which students are assessed?		
	What surprises us?	
What areas of student performance are meeting or exceeding expectations?	2	
	What confirms what we already know?	
What areas of student performance are below expectations?		
Do patterns exist in the data?		•

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More than Numbers

Data inform our ability to make needed adjustments and guide our efforts toward success. It is important to remember that behind all the numbers, scores, levels, rates, and percentages hides what really COUNTS...children.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development Does <u>NOT</u> Just Happen





You've Got to do more than Say You'll Be There



Guiding Questions

- 1. What are your current practices related to professional learning?
- 2. Do you have regularly scheduled professional development sessions?
- 3. How often are staff required to attend PD?
- 4. Who is responsible for leading professional learning on your campus? What experience does this person or group have related to teaching adult learners?
- 5. What is your follow-up procedure to determine impact of PD?

Typical Plan for Professional Learning (Year)

- Day A: Beginning of the year motivational speaker
- Day B: Planning and grade preparation
- Day C: Select one of five day-long workshops
- Day D: Plan and prepare grades
- Day E: Select one of five day-long workshops
- Day F: Plan and prepare grades

Revised Plan for Professional Learning

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Day 1: Focus on school vision, mission, goals, needs, and data Day 2: Identify professional learning that needs to take place **Day 3: Initiate Learning** Day 4*: Follow up and problem solve Day 5*: Coach, mentor, observe Day 6*: Continue learning, looking at data Day 7*: Follow up and problem solve Day 8*: Coach, mentor, observe Day 9*: Continue learning, looking at data Day 10*: Follow up and problem solve Day 11*: Coach, mentor, observe

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Day 12*: Analyze data and plan for the next year

*Likely to be partial days, as needed.

How are PD topics decided in your school?

- A. PD is decided/planned at the school level
- B. PD is decided/planned at the district level
- C. PD is decided/planned by state agencies (RIC, AMSTI, ARI, etc.)
- D. PD is decided/planned by curriculum partners (textbook company)
- E. Other

Resources to help Guide Professional Learning Decisions

What resources do you have to help select meaningful PD topics?



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Student

Climate & Culture
Back to School Readiness
Student Engagement
Student Survey for Schools



Staff

- Climate & Culture
- Back to School Readiness
- Staff Survey for Schools
- <u>School Quality Factors</u> <u>Diagnostic</u>



Family/Community

- Climate & Culture
- Back to School Readiness
- Community Engagement
 - Family Engagement
- Parent Survey for Schools

What data have you collected from your teacher evaluation and/or observation tools?

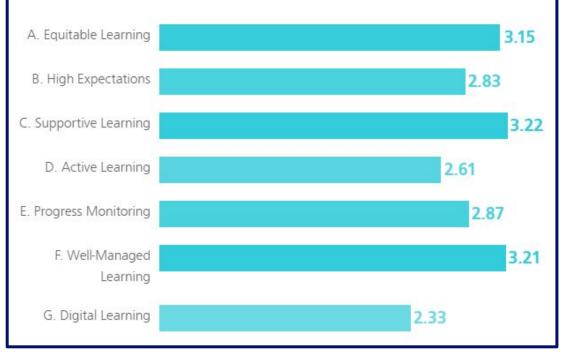
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95 Completed Observations, Average Score: 2.91



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National Staff Development Council (NSDC)

NSDC Standards* for Professional Learning are organized into three areas:

- Context Standards
- Process Standards
- Content Standards

*The NSDC Standards have been updated and are now the <u>Learning Forward</u> <u>Standards</u>. The Learning Forward Standards were adopted by the ALSDE and are utilized in the Alabama Coaching Framework.

Context Standards

Learning Communities

• PLCs with aligned goals to school/district goals

Leadership

• Skillful leaders who guide instructional improvement

Resources

• Supports for adult learning and collaboration

Process Standards

Data-Driven

- Student data is used to
 - Determine PD priorities
 - Monitor progress
 - Sustain continuous improvement

Evaluation

• Multiple sources of information to guide and show impact

Research-Based

• Prepares teachers to apply research to decision making

Process Standards (continued)

- Design
 - Learning strategies appropriate to the intended goals
- Learning
 - Applies knowledge about adult learning and change

Collaboration

• Provides knowledge and skills to collaborate

Content Standards

- III Equity
 - Understand and appreciate all students
 - Create safe, orderly, and supportive learning environments
 - High Expectations for All

Quality Teaching

- Deepens Content Knowledge
- Provides Research-Based Instructional Strategies
- Relies on Rigorous Academic Standards
- Prepares for the use of various forms of assessment

Family Involvement

• Involve families and stakeholders appropriately

The Backmapping Model

Step 7 Implement, evaluate and sustain the professional learning.

Step 6

Plan professional learning implementation and evaluation, including establishing a logic model for specific professional learning programs.

> Step 5 Study research for specific professional learning programs, strategies, or interventions.

Figure 2. Backmapping model diagram

Step I Analyze student learning needs.

Improved

Student

Learning

Step 2 Identify characteristics of community, district, school, department and staff.

> Step 3 Develop improvement goals and

specific student outcomes.

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Step 4 Identify educator learning needs and develop goals and objectives.

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INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS

Time to Calibrate and Collaborate Together is Essential



Rounds Focus on the Task not the Teacher. So, don't *Say My Name*



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"The idea behind instructional rounds is that everyone involved is working on their practice, everyone is obliged to be knowledgeable about the common task of instructional improvement, and everyone's practice should be subject to scrutiny, critique, and improvement."

KEY IDEA

What Instructional Rounds are NOT...

Not Walkthroughs...

- Walkthroughs presume that as the instructional leaders, we know what we are looking for and will *monitor* to see that it is there.
- Little of the walkthrough process confronts us to *reflect on our own practice* as instructional leaders and to grow in our practice.
- Instructional rounds are as much about the *leaders* growing through the process as the teachers they will observe.

Not PLCs...

- PLC's suffer from too many definitions and purposes, though the common factor seems to be a group of professionals who collaboratively assist one another in the process of improving their individual and collective practice.
- Rounds, then, can be a vehicle for PLC work, when the focus is on gathering evidence about a commonly-identified problem of practice, with the goal of enhancing our overall effectiveness.

Not Improvement Strategies..

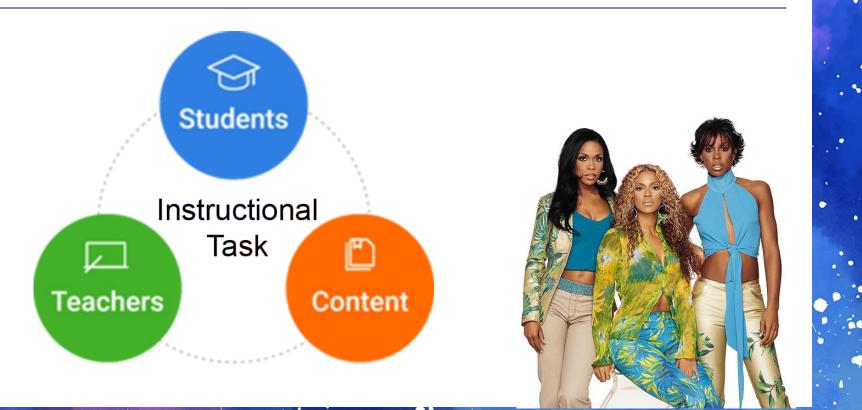
- Rounds *inform* and *are informed by* improvement strategies.
- Rounds start with a *problem* of *practice*, one that often emerges from some improvement strategy, and end with ideas for making our improvement strategies more effective.

 Rounds are, then, a vehicle for improving our strategies and making us much more reflective about our work.

Problem of Practice

- Comes from data, dialogue, and current work
- Refers to an unresolved question or dilemma of student learning
- Focuses on one element of practice
- Involves shared inquiry
- Often identified as important in the school improvement plans
- Must be definable, observable, and actionable by the school

The Instructional Core



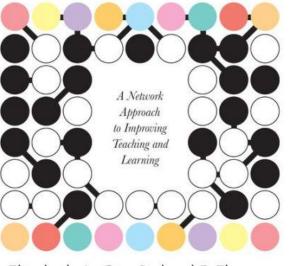
The Seven Principles of the Instructional Core

- **1.** Increases in student learning occur only as a consequence of improvements in the level of content, teachers' knowledge and skill, and student engagement.
- 2. If you change any single element of the instructional core, you have to change the other two.
- **3.** If you can't see it in the core, it's not there.
- 4. Task predicts performance.
- 5. The real accountability system is in the tasks that students are asked to do.
- 6. We learn to do the work by doing the work, not by telling other people to do the work, not by having done the work at some point in the past, and not by hiring experts who act as proxies for our knowledge about how to do the work.
- 7. Description before analysis, analysis before prediction, prediction before evaluation.

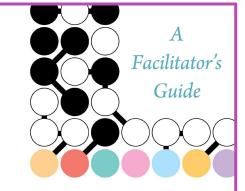
Instructional Rounds Cheat Sheet

- NOT about "fixing" teachers
- Used to understand:
 - What is happening in classrooms
 - How a system produces those effects
 - How to move closer to creating the learning we want to see
- Descriptive and Analytic, NOT Evaluative
 - Nothing is described as "good" or "bad"
 - We do not say we "like" or "don't like"





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LEADING INSTRUCTIONAL ROUNDS *in* EDUCATION

Thomas Fowler-Finn With a foreword by Lee Teitel

What about Walkthroughs, Learning Walks, Observations, and Peer Visits?

An Open Door Culture

Creating an environment where teachers welcome visitors into their classrooms takes time, trust, and a plan.

What strategies have you found successful for creating an open door culture in your building?

DATE	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Period		Johnson – Math Centers		Johnson – Math Centers	
2nd Period		Wilson – Laboratory	Wilson – Laboratory		
3rd Period	Baldwin – Video Editing	Nelson – Flipped Classroom		Smith – Kahoot Quiz	
4th Period	Frederick – Interactive Whiteboard		Frederick – Interactive Whiteboard		Smith – Kathoot Quiz
5th Period		Berchtold – Poetry Slam	Holmes – Stations Activity		Jensen - Plickers
6th Period	Kelly – Interactive Notebooks			Kelly – Interactive Notebooks	

EXAMPLE of a PINEAPPLE CHART



MID-YEAR REVIEWS

Progress Monitoring Extends Beyond Students

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It's Time to look in the *Mirror*



Guiding Questions

How would you describe your mid-year review (MYR) process?

What data do you collect for the MYR?

Who all participates in MYR?

How do you currently determine if your activities and/or critical initiatives have been effective?

What supports might be helpful in ensuring your improvement efforts stay on track?

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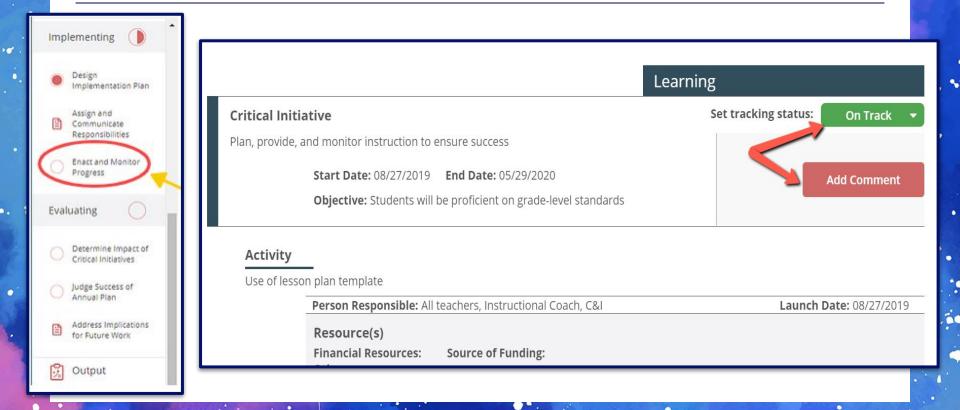
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ENACT AND MONITOR PROGRESS



Enact and Monitor Progress Worksheet

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Critical Initiative	Question 1: How successful have activities within this critical initiative been to date?	Question 2: What data sources can we utilize to verify our thoughts?	Question 3: Would you classify this critical initiative as being On Track, Lagging, or At Risk?

Mid-Year Review Cognia Process

Step 1: The leadership team meets to discuss the progress being made regarding each activity within a Critical Initiative.

Step 2: The team should then determine an overall tracking status for the Critical Initiative based on the cumulative success and/or struggles of the individual activities.

Step 3: Assign the decided status for each Critical Initiative in the Cognia platform.

Mid-Year Review Cognia Process

Step 4: The team should craft a brief explanation as to why the status was chosen. The narrative should be simple and straightforward. It should include the following components at minimum:

- Restate the status you selected (1 sentence)
- Rationale as to the selection of the status (1 sentence)
- Reference the data which support the assigned status (1 sentence)
- List specifics regarding any activities within the initiative that need to be adjusted moving forward (1 sentence)

Step 5: Be sure to include and save comments at any point adjustments are made. It will help with the EOY Processes.

Storing Data & Documentation

- As you monitor the progress of your plan, add data reports, documents, and artifacts to a shared folder hosted in the cloud.
- Make sure you can generate a link to this shared folder.
- Organize subfolders around themes and critical initiatives.



Progress Monitor Card Template

Objective 1. Critical Initiative 1.1

Progress Monitor			Target Cycle			
Critical Initi	ative	h				
Activity	Launch Date	Person(s) Responsible	Resources Needed	Current Target	Benchmarks	Status/Notes
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ENVISIONING PHASE

PLANNING PHASE

IMPLEMENTING PHASE

EVALUATING PHASE





END-OF-YEAR PROCESSES

Laying the Foundation for a Well-Developed Plan

What do you do when you reach the End of the Road?



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Conduct an Educational Garage Sale

The "Garage Sale" is an EOY protocol that can be used to help teams categorize, reflect, and plan.



Museum

These are practices or activities that served the school well and no longer need but can be used for future references.



These practices or activities are essential towards meeting our goals- they are important to keep, update, and reuse.

Repair Shop

These are practices or activities that made little to no impact and need some further discussion, collaboration, repair, or improvement.



These are practices or activities that need to be thrown out. They no longer serve their purpose or they were not impactful.

Toxic Waste

These are practices or activities that had a negative impact. Discard responsibly!





Activities

- What activities will you carry over "as is"?
- What will need to be repaired?
- What areas will need additional support?

Critical Initiatives

- What initiatives will you carry over "as is"?
- What will need to be adjusted?
- What areas will need additional support?
- Where do you anticipate new areas of critical need?

>Objectives

- Have your goals shifted as a result of the pandemic?
- Are there additional areas for improvement beyond what is currently represented in your plan?



DETERMINE IMPACT OF CRITICAL INITIATIVES

Determine Impact of Critical Initiatives

There still is a need for summative review even though elements of the Evaluating Phase appear throughout the entire strategic thinking and improvement planning process. To address this, the Evaluating Phase leverages the theories of action you created to determine the effectiveness of each Critical Initiative. These determinations ultimately inform your discussions about the effectiveness of the Annual Improvement Plan and any implications for future work.

To begin this work, select "View Theory of Action" to access the theory of action for each Critical Initiative and complete the following steps:

Determine the results of the Intended Outcomes and Key Measures for each Critical Initiative.
 Verify the Critical Initiative was implemented with fidelity.
 Jiscuss findings from Critical Initiatives in relation to one another and describe results in a holistic way.

Understanding the progress of the Annual Improvement Plan should inform decision-making for the future. You can document the findings in a narrative format in the space provided below. This information will remain here, but you might want to save it in another format for future use. You also can upload documents that help substantiate your findings.

Download the guide to learn more about Determine Impact of Critical Initiatives.

Select a Critical Initiative: All Critical Initiatives Selected (10) View

Critical Initiative • Develop and implement strategies to increase student attendance	View Theory of Action	
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Suggestions for Crafting Your Narratives

For each critical initiative your team will need to summarize your findings. You will craft statements that offer a justification as to why you all felt the critical initiative was On Track, Lagging, or At Risk. Reference the data sources you all used to reach your conclusions.

The narratives you post here should provide enough information for the next CIP team to make educated decisions regarding whether or not a critical initiative should remain in the plan and/or if specifics activities should be kept or discarded.

JUDGE SUCCESS OF ANNUAL PLAN

Judge Success of Annual Plan

In the Determine Impacts of Critical initiatives subphase, you identified the findings from the evaluation of individual critical initiatives in relation to one another.

Based on a thorough exploration of outcomes, write a summary of the findings regarding the effectiveness of the Annual Improvement Plan. How did the work related to the critical initiatives connect to any progress toward achieving long-term objectives?

Download the guide to learn more about Judging Success of Annual Plan.

Overall Findings

Enter findings here

Attachments

Attach Files

Writing Your Summary of the Overall Plan

As a team, you will write a narrative that summarizes your thoughts regarding the success of the overall ACIP. You will consider individual activities and critical initiatives as you develop this statement. You will reference areas of success and concern. Consider the following questions when constructing your summary.



Is our now current reality different from our then current reality? Are these differences what the school expected to see? Did the school faithfully execute the ACIP as written? Are there alternative explanations for success or failure? Did we address the needs of ALL students equitably? Did we address the needs of ALL students holistically?

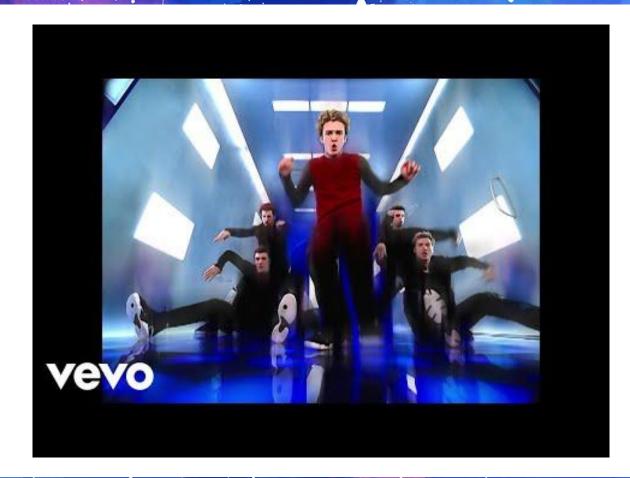
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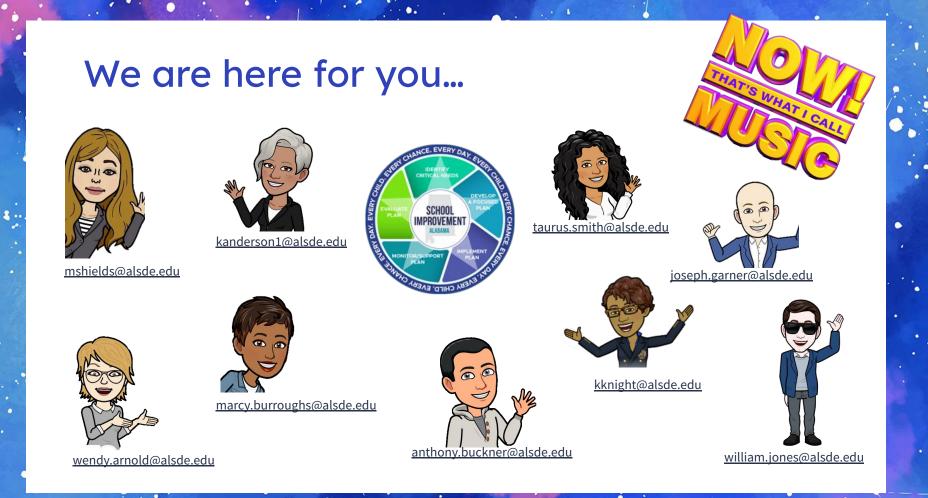


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